



### **Civil Air Patrol Del Val Squadron Participates in Missing Person Search**

READINGTON, HUNTERDON COUNTY – The Civil Air Patrol Delaware Valley Composite Squadron’s weekly Monday night meeting was abruptly ended when they were activated by the U.S. Air Force to help search for a missing woman with Alzheimer’s in Readington.

Readington resident, Senior Member Tracie Flyr-Casey, was unable to attend the meeting on Monday September 25th, allowing her to receive a reversed 9-1-1 call to local residents making them aware of an elderly woman with Alzheimer's Disease who was reported missing. SM Flyr-Casey, knowing the value CAP provides in these situations, immediately contacted her fellow squadron members to see how our organization could help.

1st Lt Bill Pittenger, a Ground Team Leader from the squadron, contacted the Readington Police Department and with the help of CAP Incident Commander (IC) Lt Col Richard Olszewski, was able to officially activate the NJ Wing as mission participants. A ground team was assembled at the local command post within the hour. The Readington Township Police IC, SGT Michael Kaulius, put the team on standby as existing resources completed their road scan and prepared for a formal grid search.

As the team prepared for the night grid search of the local area and as CAP IC Lt Col Olszewski arrived on the scene, the woman was found in a rocky creek along a township road. She was wet and suffering from exposure and was treated by local EMT crews before being taken to Hunterdon Medical Center.

Despite the limited use of CAP resources during the search, this event did open the lines of communication between the Readington Police Department, local OEM teams, and the Civil Air Patrol for future cooperation. CAP was able to demonstrate our ability to provide immediate trained resources and the IC was planning to employ that expertise.

The participating ground team members include Capt Shannon Bingert, 1st Lt Bill Pittenger, 2nd Lt Friedo Meyer, SM Chris Casy, SM Tracie Flyr-Casey, Cadets Stephen Pettit, Don Conway, and Nick Biondo. CAP IC staff consisted of Lt Col Rich Olszewski and Maj Norm Stewart.

For more information about the Civil Air Patrol or the Delaware Valley Squadron please go to our website at: [delval.njwg.cap.gov](http://delval.njwg.cap.gov) or contact our Squadron Commander, Captain Shannon Bingert at: [shnin6@msn.com](mailto:shnin6@msn.com)

*For more information on the search included is a link to an article from the Courier News: <http://www.c-n.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070925/FRONT01/70925014>*